

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of occurrence and a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of completion
~~plurality of unsettled transaction types, one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of occurrence,~~

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on [[a]] the principle of occurrence by setting sum-up of the a transaction amount with other transaction amounts to ~~allowed~~ upon start of the transaction, prepayment of the total amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment, and

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion by setting sum-up of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment of a total amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment;
and

a management control unit ~~which,~~

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon payment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of

an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is ~~allowed~~ to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions in ~~which the sum-up is allowed~~, and upon delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon prepayment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, and outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number; and upon delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence and a deferred payment transaction on a principle of completion

~~plurality of unsettled transaction types, one of the plurality of unsettled transaction types is a deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence,~~

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence by setting sum-up timing of ~~the~~ a transaction amount with other transaction amounts to ~~allowed~~ upon start of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and delivery of goods to predelivery with respect to payment,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion by setting sum-up timing of the transaction amount with other transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and delivery of goods to a predelivery with respect to payment; and

a management control unit which,

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is ~~allowed~~ to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions ~~in which the sum-up is allowed~~ and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions.

Claims 20-33. (Canceled)

34. (New) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of occurrence, a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of completion, a deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence, and a deferred payment transaction on a principle of completion,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence by setting sum-up of a transaction amount with other transaction

amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment of the total amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion by setting sum-up of a transaction amount with other transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment of a total amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence by setting sum-up timing of a transaction amount with other transaction amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and delivery of goods to predelivery with respect to payment, and

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion by setting sum-up timing of a transaction amount with other transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and delivery of goods to a predelivery with respect to payment; and

a management control unit,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon payment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions, and upon delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives

as an input a registration of a delivery, and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon prepayment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, and outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number; and upon delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete, and

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete and outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions.